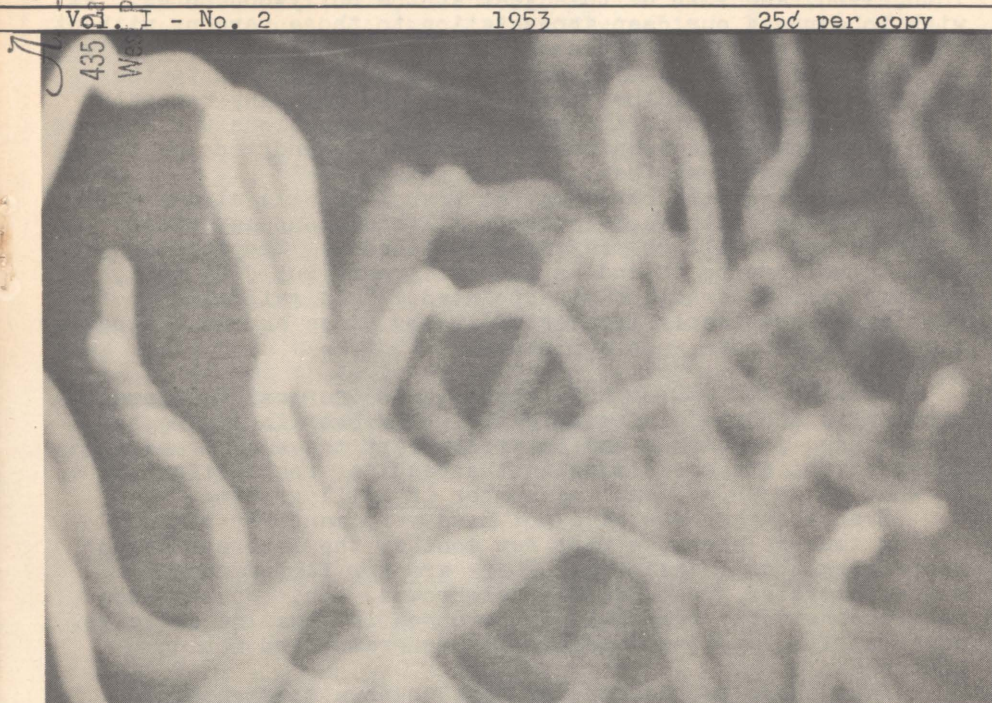


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-EDITORIAL-

AS THIS EDITORIAL is being written, we are anticipating, with no minor interest, the World's First Flying Saucer Convention to be held by Flying Saucers International on August 16th, 17th, and 18th of this year at the Hollywood Hotel. We wish to express our deep appreciation to those persons without whose help we could not present this International Convention.

We would also like to express our appreciation to the individuals who took the time to reply to our many requests for speakers. Also to the many fine organizations who have been plugging the convention and intend to send a delegate to attend and represent them.

In keeping with our aims, an Open Mind will always be a main factor at the convention. All sides and aspects to the flying saucers will be presented unbiasedly. Skeptics are just as welcome to attend as the believers, but just curiosity seekers will no doubt be disappointed. This gathering is for people who are deeply interested in the discs and in collecting all possible facts - on all sides.

WHETHER NOTICED or not, there is an increasing interest growing in the minds of people the world over in flying saucers, space phenomena, and interplanetary travel. Even many noted scientists are coming to the peculiar realization as to what is occurring, and the number is still growing.

Even though there have not been very many reports of flying saucers over the past few months, the interest is not decreasing, but increasing. There are now flying saucer kites, bicycles, resteraunts, veledromes, etc. Beside these, we are constantly reminded of the discs in magazine articles, comic strips, radio and television programs, and motion pictures.

Then there is the more or less unknown movements of various groups, large and small, doing their part to solve the flying saucer mystery. There are probably hundreds of smaller groups in the United States, plus those in England, New Zealand, Australia, and other countries. These foreign organizations are doing a remarkable job.

DON'T FORGET that we always welcome reports of flying saucers. They should be accompanied with as much information as possible, such as: date, time, witnesses, number of objects, color, shape, etc. All will be seriously considered. They will be kept confidential if requested.

We are always on the lookout for photographs of the discs also. And fragments, if there are any. These will be carefully examined by competent authorities. Of course, we will appreciate any and all information sent to us. Every little bit may help solve the saucer mystery.

At this writing, we could also use some good factual articles for "SAUCERS," with a positive rather than negative viewpoint. All must be well documented. At present we are unable to make any payment for articles used. They should be typewritten, double-spaced, on a single side of paper; and should not exceed 1000 words.

Yours faithfully,

The Editors

LUBBOCK LIGHTS

By TOM PIPER
(Staff Correspondent)

THE LUBBOCK LIGHTS, dubbed so by the strange appearance of a flock of luminous sky objects flying in a V-shaped formation over Lubbock, Texas, are considered by the Air Force as the most unexplainable phenomena yet observed.

Photographed by Carl Hart, Jr., 18, of Lubbock with a Kodak 35, and sighted by three professors from Texas Tech on August 25, 1951, at 9:10 P.M. They are considered by the professors as: "Not natural objects, for they traveled too fast and too noiselessly for any known aircraft."

Three minutes after the first sighting, a similar formation appeared and crossed the sky, this time believed to be led by a "mother ship."

They could calculate that if the objects were one mile high their speed would be about 1,800 miles per hour and they would have been 1000 feet in diameter. Estimating then to be at 50,000 their speed would be nearer to 18,000 miles per hour and they would have been 10,000 feet in diameter.

The Lubbock CAA tower and Reese Air Force Base declared there had been no jet flights or other aircraft over Lubbock at that time.

ARE SAUCERS FROM MARS ?

By IRVIN NORFLEET JR.
(Staff Correspondent)

IT TAKES THE PLANET MARS approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ Earth years to complete its journey around the Sun and Earth. Mars overtakes Earth about once every two years and fifty days. This means the "saucer cycle" may have something to do with Mars. The flying saucers seem to appear in a cycle of once every $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 years.

This cycle was determined after examining newspaper and magazine articles sent in from all parts of this country and foreign countries.

The orbits of Earth and Mars are slightly elliptical and therefore the distance between the two planets ranges, at opposition, from 35 to 63 million miles. This would affect the length of the saucer cycle.

If flying saucers come from Mars, sightings will probably be reported, for a short period of time at the end of a cycle, every $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 years. After carefully examining the newspaper and magazine articles that have been collected, the next sightings should be reported around the fall of this year.

Joel 2:30: "I will shew wonders in the heavens..."
Jeremiah 10:2: "...Be not dismayed at the signs in the heaven..."

I WAS INSIDE A FLYING SAUCER

By TRUMAN BETHURUN

IN JULY, 1952, WHILE employed in Nevada on Highway 91, about 70 or 80 miles out of Las Vegas towards Salt Lake City, I was transferred from day shift to swing shift, or night shift would be a better name for it as we worked from 4:00 P.M. until sometimes 8:00 A.M. the next morning. My job was to keep four water trucks operating hauling water from the Muddy river to two reservoirs out in the desert for daytime sprinkling on the highway construction. Soon after going on the job some fellow workers told me that the entire mesa area had been ocean covered at some time and there were sea shells to prove it.

One night late in July after I was sure everything was functioning properly, I asked and received permission to visit the mesa area to get some shell souvenirs. I had a flashlight along and used it some, but didn't find what I was after. As it was about 3:30 A.M. when I left the job site, driving and walking possibly an hour or so. I headed my four wheel drive Army carry-all truck into the northeast and decided to take a short nap, realizing the first gleam of daylight would awake me.

I had been asleep possibly a half hour or slightly more when I was rudely awakened by what would best be described as a mumbling, low talking in an unintelligible tongue. My first thought was that my boss and someone were playing a trick because of finding me asleep, but as I raised my head I quickly discovered this was not the case. About eight small sized men were in a semicircle in front and right side of my truck, approximately eight to ten feet away, and apparently as curious as I was.

My thought was to get away fast, although I would have to back around. As I raised up to see better, one of the men took a couple of steps forward toward me and said something rather low and still unintelligible to me. I shook my head to indicate to him that I did not understand and he quickly came back with this answer: "You name it." I said, "My God you can speak English too?" He said in return, "We have no difficulty with any language."

These fellows seemed to be of Latin extraction from their appearance. My heart was thumping. I guess both from fear and excitement. At that instant I decided to get out of my truck and shake hands for a friendly gesture. As I turned to get out I saw about 15 yards away a monstrous disc shaped flying saucer. Then I wondered for a split second if it could be a movie prop, but as I had been above looking down only a short time before I realized this could not be the case. As I reached out my hand to shake hands it seemed like a military manoeuvre the way they lined up as each seemed anxious to grasp my hand. Only one made any attempt to talk to me or answer my questions. They never asked me a single question as it appeared to me to be a military type outfit they were wearing and also the way they fell into line to shake my hands (almost grabbing each time). I said to this man: "Do you have a captain?" He said "Sure." Then I said, "Could I speak to him please?" He said: "Surest thing you know."

He took ahold of my right arm above the elbow with his left hand with a terribly hard squeeze (that did not ease my mind any). Then I asked if they were from some European country. He said "No, our homes are in a far away land." As I had asked about speaking to their captain, I noticed a smile on some faces that made me think, 'Well this is it, and no one will ever know what happened to me.' He said, "You may speak to our captain in our Scero." I thought what a name for a thing like that. This man almost spun me around and started for the saucer which seemed to be floating about four feet off the ground and as we neared it, it settled to I would say just inches off the ground and tilted down on the near side at the same time. There was just one step and a single hand rail on the right side of the opening. He almost bounced me to the rim of the saucer. He had released the extreme pressure on my arm, but still had a firm grip. I am at least a foot taller than he was and I weigh approximately 180.

We went down hill inside about 50 feet and he again swung me around to the left, through a door-like opening to a room about 10 by 12 feet fitted like a combined office and lounge. I think my eyes fairly popped as I saw their captain was a gorgeous woman, shorter than any of the men, neatly attired, and also having a Latin appearance: coal black hair and olive complexion. She appeared to me to be about 42 years old.

She stood up and smiled and the man released my arm immediately. I turned to say something to him, but he had disappeared instantly. As I again faced this lady I could not for the life of me think of a single thing to say. After a couple of seconds, she again smiled and said: "Speak up friend, you're not Hexed."

After talking and asking questions for about a half hour, I realized they were definitely not Europeans. She did not tell me her name or the name of their planet at that time, just leaving me with a knowledge that they traveled interplanetary and were wise to everything going on all over our world, and other planets also. She seemed friendly, anxious to talk, etc. About the only question asked of me was what I called the area which was Mormon Mesa, Nevada. She later told me her name was Aura Rhanes and the planet was Clarion. She said Clarion was definitely not a planet known by some other name, and gave me her reasons.

I had decided not to tell anyone regarding this episode as I knew I would be called a liar, but upon returning to my job shortly after sunrise, my boss said: "Did Joe's plane down out there where you were, out of gas?" My answer, "No." Then the boss said, "Did a commercial airliner land out there near you?" Another no answer. Finally in desperation he said: "I could see something come down out there and there was no noise. Now if it wasn't Joe's plane, what was it?" When I finally broke down and told him, I just got the wicked eye treatment, and as the news spread around, I was walked around, etc.

Before they left she escorted me to the outside and told me they would come again. She said you just think of the place and day. I have seen them eleven times altogether, the last on November 2, 1952. At that time she said we will see you again possibly next month. I was in the general area until March of this year and have not seen anything of them or any signs that might indicate even a falling star in the skies.

SUGGESTIONS

THERE ARE MANY things one can do to help the flying saucer cause on way or another. Below are listed a few:

It would be helpful to write a letter to the editors of any newspapers or magazines followed for their saucer reports, thanking them for being liberal in their views of the discs and encouraging them to print more stories on flying saucers. Write even the small newspaper that prints saucer stories occasionally. It should encourage them to publish more.

If ever you should happen to see a flying saucer, call it to the attention of as many people as possible. The more witnesses the better. Try to get their names and addresses.

Be sure to report all sightings to the newspapers (the more the better) and especially the wire services, United Press, Associated Press, and International News Service. If they receive enough reports, they may send the story to newspapers across the country and to the broadcasting mediums. Encourage your friends and neighbors to do likewise.

ASTRONOMER SEES SAUCERS

By V. PAUL NOWELL
(Staff Correspondent)

SEVERAL HUNDRED years ago, a prominent astronomer of that time saw many strange sky objects during his lifetime. He described these in papers and journals as "fuzzy" and "round" and sometimes "oval" or "disc" shaped. The astronomer, Sir William Herschel, even saw these objects through his telescope at times and said they showed markings and detail. Many times he pointed these objects out to his son and daughter, also astronomers, and to friends. He was careful in writing of them, for in his time he might have been declared insane and committed to an institution. Herschel said he didn't know what they were, but at times called them "fireballs." They gave off eerie light at times and traveled through the sky in a course not correct for a meteor or comet.

Here was a man who knew the heavens and knew what to look for in the sky. Who couldn't have been confused with planets or similar bodies. Who couldn't be seeing reflected automobile headlights since the car still had a long time to go before being invented. There weren't many, if any, balloons at that time. Perhaps it was a flying vortex! But would a vortex show detail through a telescope? There wasn't any man made light source at that time to cause a reflection. A vortex wouldn't show detail as these did, and they very often traveled rapidly across the sky, many times making curves and twists: strange behavior for a vortex.

Also there are the many old sea stories where the crew of a ship reported strange objects crashing into the sea. Would a vortex do this; does a reflection splash water? No matter what the date on the reports, these two "theories" (reflections and flying vortexes or eddies) just don't hold water.

ORFEO ANGELUCCI
is pictured (n)
at a meeting of
Flying Saucers
International
at the Hollywood
Hotel. He is
holding flying
saucer photo-
graph taken by
August C. Roberts
of Jersey City
on a Civilian
Defense observa-
tion post shortly
after midnight on
July 28th, 1952.



HOW TO PHOTOGRAPH FLYING SAUCERS

By AUGUST C. ROBERTS
(Staff Correspondent)

THE MAIN THINGS needed to photograph flying saucers are patience, any type of camera, and a little know how. In their order, this is what we get: first of all you see it, and the best way this can be accomplished is by joining your local Skywatch Ground Observer Corps (if your city is lucky enough to have one) or pick out a spot where you can get the best view of the heavens, and settle down to waiting an undeterminable length of time. Your patience will be a big factor, since flying saucers show up when you least expect them rather than when you desire to see one.

HOW TO PHOTOGRAPH FLYING SAUCERS

If you happen to own a camera which takes three dimensional pictures, you have the best type for this accomplishment, but since most people own a box or folding camera, these are the ones we will discuss. First load your camera with high speed film, have a few extra rolls of film on hand for emergencies, and keep it nearby at all times. Since the saucers are most often seen at night, exposure time used is your biggest problem. To expose for only the saucers is a simple matter and your lens setting should be set at $1/50$ of a second at F. 4.5. Your developed film would show a glob of light if the saucer was moving, or an object which would require explaining on your part to prove what it was, and still your friends would be doubtful. This is the simplest way. The best way to capture this phenomenon, if it is not moving too fast, is to set your lens at the largest aperture. On most box cameras where your settings are fixed, set your shutter at "T" or time and rest the camera on a solid support. Make sure you include in your finder buildings, trees, or anything else that happens to appear in range of focus. Open your shutter as if you were exposing for a night scene, and place your hand in front of the lens releasing it every few seconds, so as to capture the movement of the saucer at various points. If the disc is moving, it will be recorded on the same negative in a series of exposures together with a longer time exposure of the landscape.

Try for as many pictures as you are able to get. If possible, change your camera position, but try not to waste any time for the saucers just will not stay around very long. By "shooting it" this way you will have on the film negatives something mighty hard for the Air Force or anyone else to disprove or deny as has been done in the past.

Should you develop the film yourself, over develop it slightly or better yet, develop by inspection. If your processing is done for you, have it done by a photo studio or newspaper and explain to them just what you have on your film. They will, I am sure, cooperate with you.

By all means, and this extremely important, try to have as many witnesses as you can to back you up. The more testimonies you have the better your chances are to be believed. Always remember as you search the skies for hours and hours on end, seeing nothing but planes and birds, that flying saucers are real. I know they exist. I saw and photographed one myself. Somewhere...someday...maybe a camera will unlock the greatest mystery in the world and it could very easily be yours.

NOSTRADAMUS, the great sixteenth century prophet, made many predictions that could possibly pertain to flying saucers, but this one in Century II, Quatrain 46 is especially interesting: "After a great human change, another greater is near at hand. A great motor reneweth the ages. Rain, blood, milk, famine, sword, and plague. In the heavens shall be seen running fire with long sparks."

M E M B E R S H I P

THE MEMBERSHIP limitations in Flying Saucers International are few. People with any subversive ideas toward the United States are definitely not welcome.

The membership is 25¢. Regular members have no specific obligations. They receive a membership card, designed by our good friend and representative, Bud Pecaro. Subscriptions to any periodicals we issue are extra.

The fee to be a representative is 50¢. Obligations: To send the headquarters all information on flying saucers they come across; to make reports regularly; and to investigate anything in their area that the headquarter's request. Some representatives receive all publications free of charge for extra work they do, as the case may warrant.

Honorary membership is, at present, limited to the officers of various organizations doing work in the flying saucer field, or to individuals known for their outstanding work on this subject.

Most of the positions as officers in Flying Saucers International are taken, but there are a few still open. Anyone interested should query us, but must expect to use much of their spare time in this work.

M Y S T E R Y O D O R

By MAX B. MILLER

AN "OBNOXIOUS ODOR" was reported over large portions of Southern California on June 4th, 1953.

Thousands of alarmed citizens flooded the Police and Sheriff's switchboards with calls. Some people complained of being ill while others had gone to distant areas to escape the fumes.

The heaviest polluted areas were: Pasadena, Altadena, Temple City, San Gabriel, Norwalk, Wilmar-Garvey, Alhambra, City Terrace, Montebello Park, Rosemead, South Pasadena, Arcadia, San Marino, and Monterey Park.

A similar occurrence to this happened on October 3rd, 1952, in the late afternoon. To this reporter, who lives near West Los Angeles, there was a strong cabbage odor at about 5:00 P.M. It seemed to come from a neighbor's home, but was much too strong and did not come from any particular direction. It completely disappeared within ten minutes.

There was no official cause for either of these. The odors just appeared, slowly moved from area to area, then disappeared.

The only coincidence to this phenomenon was that Orfeo Angelucci gave one of his rare lectures about his contacts with the flying saucers on both these nights. At the latter lecture it was brought up that flying saucers could be smelt at times.

SHORT SHOTS

THE FOLLOWING item from the June 30, 1953 (Vol. I, No. 4) issue of "The Roundhouse," publication of the Cup and Saucer Club of Maquoketa, Iowa: "...Recently, the Japanese astronomer and authority on Martian life, Dr. Tsuneo Saheki, reported what appeared to be an atomic explosion on Mars. In addition, Dr. Saheki has described brilliant flashes of light of several minutes duration which may be signals emanating from the red planet. Finally, he announced the reception of radiation which appears to be of artificial origin. These electronic waves appear to be signals. This cumulative evidence has convinced Dr. Saheki that the possibility of intelligent life on Mars should be investigated seriously. Since he is one of the world's foremost observers, many other astronomers concur with his opinion." See also: "What the Martians Really Look Like" by Prof. A. L. D. Norbert-Hall, Ph. D. in the September, 1953 "Sir" magazine.

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SPEED OF LIGHT checked at 202,000 miles per hour" - claims an Associated Press dispatch in the Los Angeles Examiner. The article went on to say that Harold J. Peake, a Virginia Tech graduate working at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, made the discovery that light can travel faster than 186,000 miles per second (which is absolute according to Einstein's Theory of Relativity). He did this by applying 3,000,000 volts in a millionth of a second on a Navy designed "time microscope" and photographed this impulse of light on a cathode ray tube.

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REPRESENTATIVE Carl E. Thornton of Phoenix, Arizona, reports the following which appeared in the Arizona Republic sometime in May, 1953: "A resident here, living on the outskirts of town, was sitting in his front yard with his family and friends. It was a quiet day, not even a breeze stirring. One minute they were sitting there talking and the next minute the roof of their house was torn off and deposited one half mile away, in the desert. One person thought he saw a flying saucer zoom off into the blue, but the rest of the people could not confirm this statement."

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A FLYING SAUCER is being built in Canada, according to an article for the New York Herald Tribune and St. Louis Post-Dispatch by Ansel E. Telbert. Datelined: Ottawa, June 27 - the article states "the aircraft (resembling a flying saucer) is a huge jet powered gyroscopic top, 40 feet in diameter, and is intended to fly at supersonic speeds and make rapid changes in direction without the wide banking turns" now required. The pilot will sit in a pressurized capsule in the center of this disc, called "Omega." A model will be sent to the United States if tests prove to be promising. "A full sized piloted prototype may be constructed jointly by the United States, Britain, and Canada," the article said.

SHORT SHOTS

ORGANIZATIONS and their officers doing excellent work in the flying saucer study are as follows: Joseph Barbieri, Research Director, Saucer Phenomena And Celestial Enquiry (SPACE), 19 East Avenue, West Haven 16, Connecticut; N. Meade Layne, Director, Borderland Sciences Research Associates (BSRA), 3524 Adams Avenue, San Diego 16, California; Richard Hughes, Secretary, Flying Saucer Club, 42 Rothbury Road, Hove 3, Sussex, England; Harold H. Fulton, President, Civilian Saucer Investigation (New Zealand), P. C. Box 1914, Auckland, New Zealand; and L. T. Whitney, Honorary Secretary, Australian Flying Saucer Investigation Committee, Box 5278, G. P. O., Melbourne, Australia.

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NUMEROUS BOOKS have been published over the past few years about flying saucers. These include: "The Flying Saucers Are Real" by Donald Keyhoe; "Behind the Flying Saucers" by Frank Scully; "The Coming of the Saucers" by Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer; "Agharta" by Robert Ernst Dickhoff; "Flying Saucers" by Donald H. Menzel; "The Ether Ship Mystery and its Solution" by Meade Layne, M. A.; "Is Another World Watching?" by Gerald Heard; "The Mystery of Other Worlds Revealed" edited by Lloyd Mallan; "Flying Saucers!" by O. L. Jagers; "I Rode a Flying Saucer" by George W. Van Tassel; "Flying Saucers Have Landed" by Desmond Leslie and George Adamski; and a reported forthcoming book, "Saucers from Outer Space" by Donald Keyhoe.

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MYSTERY SUBSTANCE has again baffled science. A United Press dispatch datelined: Kelso, Wash., June 13 - claims a dark, skin-like substance, one-half inch thick covered about 25 acres of flat land near Kelso, the Cowlitz County sheriff's office reported yesterday. "What it was or where it came from was a mystery. It appeared to have been blown by winds," the dispatch said, "or to have fallen out of the sky."

This brings to mind the incident that occurred in Philadelphia in October, 1950. It is reported a six foot, purple glowing sphere settled in a field. The object, when touched, dissolved into a gelatinous mass which was examined by the FBI. Similar substance has been observed recently in New Zealand, and was actually reported to have fallen from a cigar-shaped craft in France.

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ON JUNE 14TH, 1953, four flying saucers were seen by a score of people in North Haven, Connecticut. One was red, one blue, one white, and the fourth one hovered long enough to enable the witnesses to see a "row of windows" - reports Joe Barbieri, Research Director of Saucer Phenomena And Celestial Enquiry. Later it was found a Swedish newspaper reported the same thing had been observed over Belgium on the same date. Could the same group of discs have been observed over two continents on the same day?

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THE FACT THAT titanium miners John Q. Black and John Van Allen of Brush Creek, Calif. said that they were visited on May 20 and June 20, 1953, by a flying saucer which landed, (Cont.)

a little four foot man getting out and obtaining a pail of water from a nearby creek, then taking off again, made the newspapers from coast-to-coast. It even received more publicity when the "little men" didn't show up on July 20th as had been expected by a crowd of 300. But that was only part of the story.

Mrs. Hazel Burch of the Chico State College football stadium skywatch (a few miles from Brush Creek) saw a mysterious object pass overhead at about 10 o'clock A.M. on July 17. Then shortly before 11:50 A.M. she saw the object again with another witness, Mrs. Henrietta Martin. They described it as a fast moving, round, silver colored object that gleamed in the air, reports the Chico Enterprise-Record of July 17. It traveled in a straight line, they added. It may not be much, but it made these headlines: "Statewide Radar Search Launched on Basis of Chico's 'Saucer' Report."



MYSTERY OBJECT — By super enlarging, Lockheed's photo department salvaged this picture from tiny movie camera print. Film was taken from T-33 at extremely high altitude, but object was too distant for good picture.

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